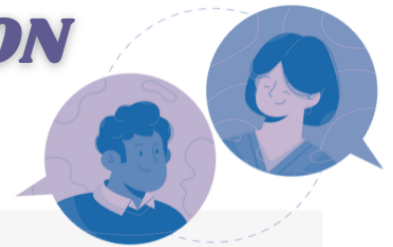


HOW TO TALK ABOUT ABORTION



SAY THE WORD ABORTION

Historically, anti-abortion extremists have used the word abortion **4x more** than abortion advocates. This has led to inaccurate, biased, and shameful connotations surrounding abortion in popular culture. It's important that we both take back the word abortion, and are careful not to accidentally perpetuate anti-abortion stigma and sentiments while doing so. **No one should ever be made to feel shame about their pregnancy decisions when they hear us talk about abortion.** Below are some common tropes that should be left behind as well as some suggestions for stigma-free abortion discussion.

DON'T SAY THIS	INSTEAD TRY THIS
No one is pro-abortion, but ...	Abortion is essential healthcare and everyone who seeks abortion care deserves respect, dignity and support!
Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare	Abortion should be legal and accessible to everyone who wants it. The right to an abortion is not a right unless you can access it.
No public funding goes to abortion services	Active duty military personnel, Medicare/Medicaid Recipients, and federal employees, deserve access to abortion, but the discriminatory Hyde amendment already denies coverage for abortion care.
I support abortion as long as... or in instances of...	Abortion is essential healthcare and everyone who has had or will have abortions deserves respect, dignity and support!
I would never have an abortion but...	Abortion is a deeply personal and private decision that should be left up to individuals, their families/ support networks, their faith, and their doctors. Access to legal abortion care is essential to our Reproductive Freedom!



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